Thence they marched inland about a mile and made a camp,
posting a strong watch for the night

Day being come, the company divided into two parts, the
General leading one, Mr Edward Florecourt the other, at some
distance so that their numbers might appear greater So with
colours displayed and drums and trumpets, they marched with
easy pace, yelling terrible cries which might have terrified a
great company

When they had proceeded about half a league, the scouts
brought word that a mounted man was approaching as if£ to
speak with them , but the General sent forward a guard of
musketeers to stay him from coming nearer to view his forces
He was a gentleman sent by the Governor to know what they
were and what they required The General answered that he
was a gentleman of England, but would not say what he intended
to any private man, but if the Governor himself should come, he
promised, by the faith of an English gentleman, that he should
pass and repass in safety

After a time the Governor with twelve of his gentlemen
approached the camp and halted about half a mile from the
court of guard, where hostages were sent forward as pledges for
his safety The General having conferred for a while with the
Governor declared that if the island should be surrendered to the
Queen of England's use, the Spaniards might depart with their
possessions , but if not, he would commit all to the hazard of the
sword, for what advantage he had won and what spoil he could
make he would keep or die for it To this the Governor flat
refused, but said that provided they neither spoiled the King of
Spain's subjects nor their goods, he would give them what they
wished from the island

Hearing this the General went apart with his company and conferred with them, whether to accept the offer or to venture on force They answered that they would ratify whatsoever he decided But he, seeing the smallness of his own forces in the enemy's country, thought it best not to refuse what the Governor offered So he returned to the Governor, and demanded victuals of all sorts for his ship and 1000 crowns as recompense for the loss of the two men slain at landing To these conditions the Governor agreed and departed